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COMMUNITY CLUBS TO FORM GRAND COUNCIL

Meeting of Importance to be Held in Pittsburg This Month

DATE IS JANUARY 28

Noted Men to be Speakers at Luncheon--Charleroi Club the First

An event of what is believed to be of much importance in state and municipal civic work, and which had its origin in Charleroi, is scheduled to take place at Pittsburg on Wednesday, January 28. This will be the formation of the Pennsylvania Grand Council of Community Clubs, which will centralize the "Community Club Plan," a civic movement that embraces the organization of men's clubs in every community for the promotion of better citizenship.

As stated, the "Community Club Plan" originated in Charleroi. It had its origin in a gathering of earnest minded men who during the months of February and March effected the organization of what is now known as "Community Club No. 1." This club is composed of citizens in the varous walks of life, holding different religious and political views but who are in full accord with the spirit of good citizenship, with no selfish interests to promote or conserve. The club meets once every two weeks at a lunch, which is served instead of going home to the customary evening meal. At this meeting some topic is introduced for general discussion, which is of local interest, or some general topic that is agitating society at the present time. This topic is chosen by the member who presides for the evening in alphabetical order. The discussion is informal and no parliamentary procedure is observed. Each member is free to express his own individual opinion, and to agree or disagree, according to his own individual viewpoint. The object of the discussion is to get at the truth of the subject, for information and for general culture and social fellowship.

The idea is a return to the old time town meeting plan when citizens used to meet to discuss local public affairs, and to the times when neighbors congregated at the country store or at one another's homes and talked over matters of public moment. The club is limited to 30 members, as that is about the right number that can conveniently get together and discuss a topic intelligently in an evening. Additional clubs, however, can be organized in any community.

As the Charleroi club proved to be an unqualified success the idea was conceived to make the plan general, and to organize clubs in every community throughout the state. Charles O. Frye, one of the leading spirits in the movement, has devoted considerable time and energy to the movement, and has succeeded in organizing clubs at Monongahela, Monessen, South Brownsville, Irwin, Midland, Brockwayville, Brookville, Punxsutawney and Reynoldsville. A commission was formed, known as the "Community Club Extension Commission," which was designed to have charge of the extension work until such time as a grand central council having state wide jurisdiction could be organized.

It is to organize this central council that the Pittsburg meeting has been called. Through the efforts of Mr. Frye some of the foremost civic workers in the country have been interested, and some eminent speakers and workers have promised to be present at the meeting. This will be held in the dining room on the ninth floor of the McCreery building in Pittsburg on the afternoon and evening of January 28. The afternoon session will be devoted to the organization of the central council, and an informal dinner will be served at 6 o'clock.

Among the speakers will be Dr. J. Leonard Levy, Erasmus Wilson, the "Quiet Observer" of the Pittsburg Gazette Times and Attorney John Marron of Pittsburg, who are honorary members of the Charleroi club, and Dr. Hubert W. Wells of Philadelphia, who is one of the foremost civic workers in the country. Chancellor McCormick of the University of Pittsburg has also promised to be present if possible as has also Dr. Charles McCarthy of Wisconsin, one of the active exponents of the "Wisconsin Idea," which is just now attracting world wide attention.

A large proportion of the members of the Charleroi Community Club expects to attend the Pittsburg meeting. The members of the Pennsylvania Community Club Extension Commission are H. J. Booth, Dr. C.C. Wright, Charles O. Frye and E. C. Niver of the Charleroi club, and Frank Bebout, A. R. Day and C. M. Hunter of the Monongahela club.

RUSSIANS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Holiday by Julian Calendar Later Than by Gregorian

WORLD GETTING OLD

The Russian Christmas was observed Wednesday. By the Rusian calendar the Russian Christmas comes just about 14 days later than Christmas as it is observed under the Gregorian calendar, which the most of the leading races use today. Christmas was observed by the Russians much after the same style that Americans and English and others kept December 25 as Christmas.

The Russians observe Christmas according to the Julian calendar, modeled by Julius Caesar. Later Pope Gregory saw to it that the calendar was renovated and lost time provided for according to a scientific method.

The Mohammedans have a calendar of their own and so have the Hebrew people, though the latter calendar is not in so general use. By the Russian or Julian calendar this year will be 8023. By the Mohammedan calendar it will be 1 332 and the Jewish, 5674. By the latter calendar the year 5675 will begin, according to our standard, September 21.

ALICE MINE MAKES AN UNUSUAL RECORD

Not One Fatal Accident Occurs During Year in Spite of Heavy Tonnage and Large Number of Men Employed

The Alice mines near Roscoe of inside officials. Everything possible the River Coal Co., have an enviable is done to insure the safety of the record for the year which has just lives of the employees. John Dickclosed. There has not been a fatal son is the mine foreman. There are accident in this mine during the two assistant mine foreman, William whole year. There are 450 men em- Giles and William Dickson. Joseph ployed. Gales served as night foreman. The

During the year over 500,000 tons fire bosses are Samuel Gibson, Fred of coal have been shipped from this Hayes, Lewis Tifick and Alex Dickone mine. son. These eight men are all strictly

Perhaps not another such record temperate. It is believed that this is can be produced in this region. The exceptional in the mines of Pennsylvania Alice mines have had but one fatal ac- and West Virginia. Such a set cident in the past two years and that of men as inside officials would have was in September, 1912, when a much to do with lessening the number workman was killed by an electric of mine accidents. wire. John Black is superintendent The Alice mines have been in operand Alfred Latchem is the assistant. ation for nearly twenty years. The Much of the credit for this fine mine was opened by the Rogers Sand showing is due to the careful set of company.

PHILLIPS IS SUMMONED TO INDIANAPOLIS

Summoned to Indianapolis by telephone, Manager Bill Phillips of the Indianapolis Federal league club left Wednesday evening. He was unable to say just what his trip to Indianapolis might mean or how long he would be gone, but stated he anticipated that some players would affix their names to contracts while he was there.

The meeting at Cincinnati when action was taken regarding the status of the players' fraternity towards players in the Federal league was favorable to the Federal league, according to Manager Phillips and plans which up to this time had not been in shape to divulge may not be given out. It is believed that it will be only a few days until the names of players who have been signed by the independent league teams will be made public.

ALPHA PHI BETA FRATERNITY PLANS WINTER RECEPTION

The Alpha Phi Beta Fraternity has issued invitations for their mid-winter reception to be given on Wednesday evening, January 21, in Might's auditorium. The reception is to be a formal event. Last winter the reception given by the fraternity was one of the most pleasing functions of the social season and it is anticipated that this year's mid-winter affair will be in many respects a duplication of that social success. The committee includes all the members of the fraternity. They are: James B. Small, Guy Moffatt, Esq., Logan E. Wingett, Paul A. Kimmins, Dr. J. Richard Carothers, Lloyd G. Wagner Boyd E. Oller, Shaner R. Blythe, J. Russell Blythe, Stephen M. Speers, W. Raymond Kent, W. Gray Gaut, John R. Gaut, Karl W. Schempp, Fred W. Schempp, James Christy Roberts, J. B. G. Roberts, Clarence B. James, W. Roy James, Robert T. McGowan, George F. Goehring.

The Thanhouser tams and kidlet at the Star today. 150-tf

OFFICERS OF THE L. C. B. A. ARE INSTALLED

Officers of the Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association were installed on Wednesday evening. The officers are: President, Mrs. Margaret Shields; financial secretary, Miss Sullivan; recorder, Miss Sarah R. Shields; financial secretary Miss Julia V. Sullivan; treasurer, Miss Nora C. Riley; first vice president, Mrs. Adnia Wagner; second vice president, Miss Magdalene Connelly; guard, Miss Elsie Fiedler; marshall, Miss Stella Connelly; assistant recorder, Mrs. Grace McKenna; auditors, Misses Lillian Riley and Harriet Wagner.

The past president, Miss Anna Sullivan was presented with a beautiful set of silver for her services during 1913. Euchre and music were the amusements for the evening and the favors were awarded to the following: Miss Magdalene Connelly, Miss Mary Bezy, Miss Nellie Mouyard, Miss Margaret Shields and Mrs. Charles Herron.

PATRIOTIC ASSOCIATION TO PRESENT SCHOOL FLAG

The organizations that will present the new flag to the new Charleroi high school at the dedicatory exercises Friday will not be known as the Patriotic Order Sons of America and the Junior Order of American Mechanics. The name under which the flag will be presented to the schools will be "Fraternal Patriotic Americans." Benjamin Ross of Monongahela, of Monongahela, will make the presentation speech. W. D. Pollock president of the school board will make the speech of acceptance.

TEST TO BE GIVEN FOR RURAL MAIL CARRIER

Examinations Listed For Three Points in Washington County To be Given January 24.

Announcement is being made that an examination will be held at Charleroi, McDonald and Washington on January 24 for a rural delivery carrier at Finleyville or for any other vacancies that may occur on rural routes. Salaries to start for rural carriers is from $600 to $1,000 a year. The age limit is from 18 to 55 on the date of the examination.

Vaudeville at the Palace tonight. tf

MINES CLOSE DOWN; FEW BOATS RUNNING

Strike of Engineers Has Effect on Valley Coal Trade

OHIO WORK HAMPERED

Towboats Suspended in Large Numbers on Lower River Owing to Contentions

Several coal mines are closed and twelve towboats are laid up at docks owing to the strike of engineers now in force along the Monongahela river. None of the boats of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company are operating. The strike had also succeeded in stopping many of the Ohio river vessels.

Ten of the 15 mines of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company are closed down by reason of the strike. The engineers have asked a general increase of 25 per cent in their wages. The river combine operators have offered ten per cent of a raise, but the engineers had strongly adhered to their original demands.

The Vesta Coal company, a subsidiary concern of the Jones and Laughlin company has four boats in service but to man them has imported engineers from the lake region. These boats are B. F. Jones, Vulcan, Sailor and Henry A. Laughlin. All told there are nine boats running and in addition to the Vesta Coal company's fleet of four the boats follow: Clyde of the Clyde Coal company; P. M. Pfeil of the Iron City Sand company; Twilight and Margaret of the Rodgers Sand company and the Braddock of the American Steel and Wire company. The American Steel and Wire company have met the demand of the engineers.

On the Ohio river there are ten big boats not operating. All told it is estimated in the Pittsburg district that 300 men are out of work. Of these 150 are engineers.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY HOLDS MEETING

Mrs. Thomas R. Eagye was hostess to the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church at her home on Meadow avenue Wednesday. The study of the afternoon was "China," and the discussion was conducted by the president, Mrs. H. J. Booth. Papers were given by Mrs. Frank J. John, Mrs. Della P. Halstead, Mrs. Ralph White and Mrs. Mary Nicholson. Mrs. August Bosson sang a solo and Mrs. Herman A. Heupel and Mrs. Bosson a duet. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Go to the Star today for a change and see the wonderful child actress. 150-tf

Vaudeville at the Palace tonight. tf

Some fine program at the Star today. See the taking of Rattlesnake Bill, a Lubin in two parts. 150-tf

Vaudeville at the Palace tonight. tf

Dedication To be Public

General Invitation Extended by School Board For Tomorrow's Event

When the new high school building on the hill is dedicated tomorrow night with imposing ceremonies, it will be a public event and an event to which the public has been invited by the school directors and the school superintendent. The school board has declared the dedication to be an event for everybody and not for a few to whom it was rumored special invitations had been issued.

There has been no change in the plans for the dedication. Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, Dr. James D. Moffitt and Prof. C. B. Robertson are all expected to be here as speakers and music will be a feature. Prof. I. T. Daniel, supervisor of music in the schools will direct the musical program. The junior high school and the senior high school musical organizations will sing. Prof. Charles Dobson of the music department of California Normal will be the soloist for the occasion.

MUSIC AND SOUVENIRS FEATURES

Tonight to be Opening Night For the First National Bank

IS HANDSOME PLACE

Much interest has been manifested in the formal opening of the First National Bank building at the corner of McKean avenue and Fifth street, this evening, between the hours of 7:30 and 9 o'clock, when the premises will be thrown open to the inspection of the public. During the period when the buliding was undergoing the process of reconstruction many persons were interested spectators at times of the different processes in operation and the completion is now a matter of much general interest. From outside glimpses obtained of the handsome interior and furnishings it is evident that visitors will be well repaid for a complete inspecton.

As prevously stated, music and souvenirs will be features of the reception. The Palace Theatre orchestra has been engaged for the occasion and souvenirs will be handed out to both the ladies and the men. All the beautiful architectural finishings and furnishings as well as the scientific and mechanical appliances installed will be explained, the public given every opportunity to make a complete personal examination of every detail.

The officials again extend a cordial invitation to the public to visit the bank this evening between the hours of 7:30 and 9 o'clock, and every effort will be put forth to make the visit pleasant and profitable.

A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier.

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GOOD FOR ANY TOWN

In his list of recommendations in his inaugural address Mayor Armstrong, Pittsburg's new executive, mentions the erection of public comfort stations. These are places where visitors to the city and strangers can seek rest and shelter temporarily without having to pay for the privilege, or frequenting places for which they have no taste or inclination.

A public comfort station is in reality a loafing place for strangers, constructed and maintained somewhat along the lines of an up-to-date railway station, where women have special rooms and men can rest and smoke, and where parcels may be checked and cared for. The need for such an institution in every city and town is so apparent that the wonder is that they were not provided long ago. They would prove such a good business investment that it would pay the business interests of any town to provide them at private expense. Even in a moral way their provision would exert a benign influence in any community.

As the public is getting in the habit of caring more for the personal grounds, will soon be a regular institution than it used to, the public comfort station, like the public playgrounds, will soon be a regular institution in every community. A bill compelling public comfort stations in every town above a certain population was introduced in the last legislature, but failed of passage. Mayor Armstrong shows his progressiveness by recommending such stations, and the proper authorities will confer a business and moral benefit upon the city by putting the suggestion into action.

PAVED THE WAY.

With the retirement of John H. Moffitt as the first controller of Washington county a new era has been inaugurated. Under Mr. Moffit's regime not only has a more strict accounting of public affairs been rendered, but the why and wherefore of public expenditure has been insisted upon and made public. In addition many accounts and transactions that had been loosely administered have been rounded up, and the county is a financial winner to a large degree thereby.

One of the greatest sources of public extravagance in the past has not been direct graft, as the public is led to believe, but looseness and carelessness in administration. Many public accounts, due were permitted to lapse uncollected, and questionable claims were permitted to pass through and be paid, underground that were not strictly legal. As a matter of fact it was quite the fashion to "pull it over" on the county when filing bills for services, mileage and other duties. These in many instances were never questioned, and were paid to the detriment of the public.

Now, with a county controller, the treasury has a watch dog, and if the controller does his duty nothing will be paid for which an equivalent has not been rendered. Mr. Moffitt set a precedent for safe-guarding the county's interests, and his successors will no doubt be governed by the same public spirited interest in the county's fiscal affairs.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

The way of the transgressor is hard, except when he happens to be a millionaire.

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A Pittsburg man died trying to masticate a sandwich served at a quick lunch counter. It does take a stout hearted and strong man to get the best of a Pittsburg sandwich.

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Roy K. Moulton, space killer in many papers gives the following suggestions: To movie managers—Couldn't you show a wild west picture once in a while? To cartoonists—Couldn't it be a good idea to draw a picture of Huerta holding a dripping dagger? To street car conductor—Why wouldn't it be a good idea to have your conductors bawl, "Move forward in the aisle?" To auto manufacturers—Wouldn't it be an excellent idea to advertise your car as the best in the world?"

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The aeroplane gown seems well named. It resembles a flying machine.

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Now it is stated that barbarians, judging by modern standards, were cleanly. Then our opinion of what is a barbarian is sadly in need of renovating.

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It is comforting to think the sidewalks will be cleared of slush by next summer.

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Those who observed the Russian Christmas had one benefit, that of the holiday reductions in the price of goods.

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We have read that Beachey is the king of dare-devils. In a few weeks we will read that one king of dare-devils has passed away from violent causes.

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From the way people went to the Ford Motor works for jobs after the surprising Ford announcement of profit-sharing is convincing proof that people generally don't want automobiles as much as they want jobs.

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Waynesburg has increased the size of its police force by electing a 300 pounder as policeman.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

"If the ordinary preacher would adopt some of the methods of Billy Sunday, and escape for once and all time from their stiffness they might be surprised at the increase in their congregations," said a man who recently attended one of the Billy Sunday meetings in Pittsburg.

"In the preaching line Sunday is a wonder. It is not strange that he has such great success. I never heard a man who could beat him as recently attended one of the Billy Sunday out to describe.

"In the first place Billy Sunday is a natural born actor. He can't keep still and is so full of dramatic spirit that he simply has to act the part he assumes. The sermon I heard was preached from what I had generally considered a rather obscure part of the Bible. To confess the truth—and I am a churchgoer too—I hardly knew there was any such verse as the one from which he preached though in a general way I was familiar with the story. I tell you I know now.

"The subject of his sermon was "Moral Leprosy," and he took for his text a verse referring to Naaman the leper, who was healed by dipping in the Jordon river seven times, after the advice given him by the prophet Elisha. The way in which Sunday described Naaman's visit to Elisha was so vivid that his audience could almost see the leper himself and his actions.

"Sunday said that Naaman went to the king in the town where Elisha lived and wanted to be cured. The king was scared. Finally Elisha sent word from his hut on the border of town, and told Naaman to come out. Naaman went. Of course Naaman couldn't enter the place, so he sent in his servants. They beheld Elisha at work.

"Then Sunday pushed a chair in back of his pulpit, stepped up and sat down on the top. He leaned over the pulpit writing, in an imitation of Elisha hard at work. He made it more forcible by imitating Elisha pulling away his whiskers from his writing.

"Suddenly and very abruptly he whirled around, to behold supposedly the servants of Naaman bowing low.

"'Well, what can I do for you,' he demanded just like a busy business man.

"The servants told him Naaman was outside wanting to be cured of leprosy. Then Sunday leaped from his chair and whirled over to one side of his platform and with rapid speech told of the kind of cure Naaman would expect—just like some people nowadays—with some wonderful incantations or hypnotic power. But he said that wasn't the kind Naaman got, not by a long shot. Back to his chair he leaped, imitating Elisha hard at work.

"Sunday, as Elisha, continued writing after his first glance at the servants. Abruptly he turned again to them as they waited.

"'Tell him to go dip seven times in the Jordon,' he hurled at them, and resumed his writing.

"Presently he turned and seemed to behold those servants still standing there. He looked them over with a withering glance and, you could almost see the original actions as he snapped out:

"'Beat it! Beat it! Beat it!'

"You wouldn't expect a good angel to come down here on earth and save anybody from their sins," said Billy Sunday in a sermon.

"Think of it," he added. "Imagine a good angel, who knew nothing but how to be good try to save a man who had never known anything but evil.

"The man would look at the good angel and ask him:

"'Good angel, did you ever swear?' and the good angel would in astonishment reply, 'No, I never swore.'

"'Good angel, did you ever drink?'

"'No, I never—

"'Good angel, did you ever gamble?'

"'No-o-o, I—'

"'Good angel, did you ever get drunk?'

"'Why, no-o-o, I—'

"'Well, good angel, did you ever put up a stove pipe in the fall?'"

Off For Florida.

Dr. Lida Grant of Monongahela left Wednesday for Jacksonville, Florida, having been summoned to the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Grace Grant Orr, who left for that point a short time ago in search of health.

Explaining the Explanation.

The chemico-physical explanation of the universe goes but a little way. These are the tools of the creative process, but they are not that process, nor its prime cause. Start the flame of life going, and the rest may be explained in terms of chemistry; start the human body developing, and physiological processes explain its growth; but why it becomes a man and not a monkey—what explains that?—John Burroughs, in the Atlantic.

Age.

It takes the fairest of the young, and touches each of them with change and loss. The skin, once so soft that even the lover was half fearful in touching it, stiffens its texture, and the transparent veil, through which soft lights and tender colors played, hides impenetrably those hoverings and vanishings of mood. The undulations of the cheek drop with care. All the gracious perfection is reduced.—Collier's Weekly.

Something to Worry About.

The bill collectors are forming a national organization.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Why They Fail.

It takes some people so long to be sure they are right that they never get time to go ahead.

Daily Special.

You Don't Need a Microscope When You Are Seeking Trouble.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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RAISING PEARLS ON "FARM"

Japanese Has Decided He Can Produce Them on Land Laid Out in Ocean's Bed.

Mr. Mikimoto's oyster farm in the Bay of Ago, off the coast of Japan, is one of the few successful attempts at the deliberate production of pearls. Mikimoto spent several years in costly experiments before he perfected his scheme.

Then he secured government patents and, according to Popular Mechanics, has succeeded in getting his "farm" on a paying basis. He first makes a bed for his crop in the shallows of the bay, where the larvae of the pearl oyster abound during the months of July and August.

He merely deposits a large number of small stones, to which the oyster spat naturally attach themselves. Then his diving women transplant the young oysters to deeper waters to protect them from the cold.

Here they lie on carefully prepared beds until in their third year they become full grown, and have firmly attached themselves to the stones by means of "necks" which they secrete.

At this time the diving women bring the mollusks to the surface and they undergo an operation. A small seed pearl is introduced into the center of the shell. Then the oysters are replanted in the bed and left alone for four years.

When they are again brought to the surface it is found that the seed pearl nucleus has been covered with many layers of the nacre, a secretion of the mollusk, and the large, brilliant translucent pearl of commerce has been formed.

But the process is not as simple as it appears. During the seven years that the farmer must wait for his crop to mature a large percentage of the oysters die. The oyster beds are raided by such enemies as the octopus and the starfish.

Occasionally the "red current" sweeps over them and in a day destroys the entire crop. At all times the farmer must keep his oyster bed free of "miruno," a seaweed which will smother the crop.

Women divers trained from girlhood to long immersions in the sea are engaged at 20 cents a day to care for the farm. In this work they wear nothing but a head cloth, a white shirt and diving goggles. At each dive they can gather several oysters and return to the surface.

A dive occupies about one minute, and a day's work is from four to six hours. An expert can readily gather 500 oysters a day in a depth of water ranging from two to six fathoms. To keep at the work for a day they must frequently come up and warm themselves at a fire.

Too Much for the Englishman.

A professor from Iowa went to England last summer and was introduced to a professor from one of the English universities. He welcomed the American and said: "I met one of your colleagues last summer. We had another professor from Ohio here to visit us." "But I am from Iowa." "Iowa, indeed! How very interesting. I am sure the other gentleman called it Ohio."—Lippincott's.

Cut Wood With a Paper Saw.

Real novelty being so extreme a rarity one is not surprised to learn that the circular saw made of paper that can cut through wood does not represent an entirely new idea after all. Paper has for years been used in the construction of articles in which strength and durability are essential, as railway carriage wheels, for instance.

Rather Flimsy Excuse.

The case of "any excuse" was exemplified recently at Capetown (S. Africa) criminal court. A native when asked by the magistrate why he had signed his evidence "Tom Harris," his real name being April Phalander, replied that he did so because the pen was a bad one and his hand was shaking.

First Umbrella in America.

The first umbrella seen in America was the property of a Baltimore man, who made his first appearance in public carrying the article March 5, 1770. The contrivance excited much comment and ridicule, and for years the use of the umbrella as a protection against rain was considered effeminate.

When Portugal Was Great.

The announcement that Portugal is to be linked up by "wireless" with "all the Portuguese colonies" is a reminder of the vanished greatness of what was once the leading colonizing empire in the world. From Lisbon in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries went out marines through the unknown and uncharted oceans to Africa, India and the New World to the west, and planted the flag of Portugal in every corner of the globe. But in Africa alone has Portugal maintained its hold of colonies of any magnitude. In India are little bits of Portuguese territory, Nova Goa, southeast of Bombay, being the capital of all Portuguese colonies east of Cape of Good Hope; while as far east as China the island of Macao, in the Canton river, first colonized nearly 400 years ago, still owns the sovereignty of the government at Lisbon.

Fountain Pen Improvement.

Small panes of glass are set into the side of a new fountain pen so the quantity of ink it holds can be seen readily.

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Hardly What He Wanted.

He approached the clerk in a pawnshop and, looking all about him, inquired: "Keep telescopes here?" "Yes, sir," replied the clerk, "want to see some?" The man nodded and the salesman soon returned with a spyglass. "Here's the best one we have in the place." The stranger looked at the glass in disgust a moment and then he blurted: "That's a fine thing to put clothes in, isn't it? Do you take me for a burlesque actress?"

His Secret.

The secret of a certain great man's power, it is said, was that if he gave any one his time at all he gave him for the moment the whole of it—all his attention, interest and best thought while the interview lasted. It is that sort of giving of one's whole self to the matter in hand that constitutes power. The divided mind lacks force, the straying thought weakens all mental processes. The habit of concentration is strength.

Modern Roads.

They were spinning along the broad highway, which was lumpy; but by and by they came to a section that was well oiled, the joy of all autoists. "Well," remarked the sensitive person in the rear seat, "they may say what they please about the perfection of the ancient Roman roads, but I am here to testify that they are not in it with the roads of modern grease."—Judge.

Live Longer Nowadays.

Life insurance folk say, says the New York Telegraph, that the expectation of life nowadays is well above seventy, and that persons nowadays are supposed to live at least until they are eighty, and if they reach that age should last until they are ninety, and so on, and about five out of every two hundred persons should walk the earth for a century.

Most Ungallent.

One of the most whimsical wills ever made is that of a bachelor of France who left all his property, amounting to a considerable inventory, to three ladies who had refused to marry him. He stated in the document: "These bequests I make to these ladies, for to them I owe all my earthly happiness."

Where It Would Count.

"Darling," he murmured, as soon as they had been seated in the high-priced restaurant, "you can have anything you want on the bill of fare. Shall I read it off to you?" "No," replied the dear girl, "just read it to the water."

Purifying the Language.

The female red deer is known as a hind and not a doe. The young red deer is also known not as a fawn but as a calf. These trifles are very shocking to sensitive ears.—London Spectator.

More Likely.

"Now, I want a canary that will sing right away and sing what I like; one that won't get the pip or die the first week." "You don't want a canary, my friend. What you want is a music box."

Compromise.

The willow which bends to the tempest often escapes better than the oak which resists it.—Sir Walter Scott.

Too Late.

"Ah," sighed the unhappy bigamist, "that I had obeyed that biblical injunction, 'No man can serve two masters.'"

Making for Popularity.

In a small town a popular woman is one who is willing to loan her palm to the neighbor who is giving a party.

Philosophic.

The difference between truth and gossip is that one is true and the other merely true to life.—Puck.

Plenty of Room.

Fame's eternal camping ground is never overcrowded.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT CONGRESSIONAL MEETING

At a meeting of the congregation of Christ Lutheran church held Wednesday officers were elected for the ensuing year. R. O. Vetter and Adam Gunther were elected elders, and Charles Brown, Albert and Charles Hazelett, deacons. Reports were made showing the church to be in good condition. Since January 1 of last year $900 has been paid on the church debt in addition to paying a large sum for running expenses and interest.

PLAYLET HEADS LIST OF VAUDEVILLE ATTRACTIONS

Kohler, Russell and company in the dramatic playlet, "The Rake Off" head the list of vaudeville attractions at the Palace theatre the last three days of this week. In the cast will be Matthew Kohler, Daniel S. Russell and Katherine Foster. The story tells an episode in the life of crooks. Barrymore and Barrymore have a neat comedy act with song and dance garnishings. Charlie Hasty as the original "Hoosier Boy," in original comedy character with songs and monologue presents something new. The moving picture program includes "The Devil Within," produced by the Million dollar company, the Ramo.

BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING TO BE HELD TONIGHT

There will be a meeting of the Business Men's Association held in their rooms in the Kirk and Clark building tonight, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. There is important business on hand to be transacted. Lunch will be served.

Burial Takes Place Here.

The body of Mrs. Sara Reardon, who died at her home in Overbrook, near Pittsburg this week, was received here this afternoon on the 3 o'clock train and interment took place afterward in the Charleroi cemetery. Her mother is Mrs. Briggs of Charleroi.

Lyceum Euchre Tonight.

The regular weekly euchre of St. Jerome's Lyceum will be held at the lyceum rooms in the basement of the church this evening. Since its institution the lyceum has been a great success and the reading and recreation rooms are regularly attended by the young men of the congregation.

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FIND A USE FOR SWEEPINGS

Street Refuse Makes Good Fertilizer If It Is Quite Free From Oil.

The United States department of agriculture has been conducting elaborate experiments to ascertain the value of street sweepings as a fertilizer. J. J. Skinner and J. H. Beattie of the bureau of soils tried samples collected in various ways upon wheat, corn and potatoes and found that hand sweepings were best, but not nearly so good as collected steele manure, that machine sweepings were about one-third as good as hand and that decomposed sweepings were not far behind.

The department issues a bulletin warning farmers and gardeners that sweepings from which the oil has not been extracted will eventually impair the productiveness of soil, unless through drainage the oily material is drained off or changed.

Sand Cure for Fatigue.

One of the most efficacious cures for fatigue from overwork consists in walking barefoot in sand. The nerves of the sole and heel are slightly irritated by coming in contact with the grains and accelerate the circulation of the blood in all parts of the body. The effect produced is highly invigorating. Besides this, the monotony of an ample extent of yellow sand exercises a soporific effect on the brain which induces sleep.—Harper's Weekly.

Putting It Delicately.

He was a stage aspirant, and had contrived somehow to gain an introduction to a well known manager, who agreed to fix a date for a trial. This duly came off, and expectantly the aspirant awaited the verdict. "What do you think of it?" he asked, after a deep silence. "Well," the manager replied slowly, "all I can say is that if ever you are put in prison for acting it will be a grave miscarriage of justice."

Direct Hint.

They had been talking as they walked. She had remarked pathetically: "Oh, it must be terrible to a man to be rejected by a woman!" "Indeed it must," was his response. Then, after a while with sympathetic ingenuousness, she exclaimed: "It doesn't seem that I could ever have the heart to do it." And there came a silence between them as he thought it over.

Oldest Known Prescription.

The oldest prescription in the world is in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. It is on a piece of stone 3x4 inches in size and was probably written 3,500 years ago in Egypt. The prescription takes up both faces of the stone and is written in the old cursive characters, the compound being a remedy that was used for a fumigation.

Method in His Extravagance.

"Haven't you a handsomer chafing-dish than that?" asked the customer. "You want something even more ornamental than this?" "Yes. I want one so beautiful and expensive that my wife wouldn't think of trying to cook anything in it."

Sweeping the Sick Room.

Never sweep a sick room while the patient is in it, as the dust is exceedingly dangerous, both to the sufferer and the sweeper. Wipe the floor with a cloth wrung out in ammonia and water, or, if it has a carpet, wipe that in the same manner.

Uncle Eben.

"Dar is times," said Uncle Eben, "dat de bossiest men has to leave things to other people. De surest way to git yoh face cut is to jump up unexpected to give instructions to de barber dat's shavin' you."

Too Much.

"I understand your star has a great deal of temperament." "A great deal! Great Scott, man, you can't put a thermometer near her without its dancing ragtime between boiling point to zero"—Exchange.

Even.

Gunman—Ha! ha! I fooled ye all right. This here gun ain't loaded." "Don't mention it, old top. That roll I gave you is stage money."—Life.

Medicine a Poor Profession.

Despite the fact that some of them manage to get enormous fees, it is said that the doctors, as a class, get poorer and poorer, financially, every year.

Getting Rid of Boll Weevil.

The odor of the fir tree disgusts the cotton boll weevil. The southern cotton fields are cleared of the pests by planting these trees about them.

Impolite.

Young Woman—That stupid fellow has been following me for a half hour without even speaking. I wonder where he learned politeness!

ORDERED, AND WAS OBEYED

Natural Masculine Exercise of Authority Acceded by Small Boy's Playmate.

They were about six years old. They were climbing along an old stone wall. At last she was. He did not seem to get the notion on very well. He stood on the sidewalk and watched her, making occasional abortive attempts himself to scale to the top, for she had attained but a couple of feet. Finally she got down on the sidewalk and showed him how. A ledge ran along the wall. She helped him up on to this, showed him how to grasp and where to step, and how to cling close, sliding slowly along with the thrilling feeling of accomplishing the impossible and the delightful sensation of danger in the process.

Having started him on the circuit of the wall, she climbed up to her former position. In a few moments he overtook her. "Get down," he commanded. "So I can pass." She protested. She had been up there first. He should get down and climb up again ahead of her if he wished to pass, or else he should not hurry so much. "Get down," was his only comment. After some futile remonstrances she let herself drop down to the sidewalk. He passed quickly along without looking at her or so much as a thank you. She watched him a moment. Then she clambered up the wall again and meekly followed him. And the author, observing them from the window of her flat across the way, had an idea for her new novel.—New York Press.

OLD MAGAZINE COMES BACK

Revival in Paris of Fashion Journal That Once Exerted a Remarkable Influence.

After being dead for 73 years, a paper which exercised extraordinary influence in the Paris of the past has come to life again. It is called Le Journal des Dames et des Modes and, after its long sleep, appears once more in the same form, the same type and on the same paper as in the fifth year of the republic.

The paper was founded by a certain Pierre de la Mesangere, who had been destined for the priesthood, but was turned out of the seminary, where he taught dogma at the revolution. He came to Paris to try to earn his living, and abandoned theology to rule the mode by prescribing the cut of men's coats and the trimmings of women's hats.

The Journal des Dames continued to appear until 1835, and it calmly pursued its mission, regardless of political confusion and social upheaval. The empire is in ruins, the old monarchy takes its place, disappears, and is restored. Charles X. is dethroned and Louis Philippe takes the vacant throne. None of these bagatelles troubled the Journal des Dames. It had more serious affairs to deal with.

Fuller's Earth.

Fuller's earth, so named from its earliest use in fulling wool, is a rather rare, soft, friable rock whose value depends altogether on its texture and its filtering and absorbent properties. It has no definite composition, mineralogically, its physical properties rather than a chemical analysis determining its commercial value. Fuller's earth was first produced in the United States in the early nineties.

Birds and Cyclones.

It has been suggested that birds habitually make use of storms in traveling from one part of their range to another. It is pointed out that if a bird cannot find shelter it must be more comfortable on the wing than on the ground during a storm, because in the fiercest gale it flies in a moving medium, like a swimmer in a strongly flowing river.—Harper's Weekly.

Giving Away the Secret.

Willing to have his neighbors think he was a fine musician, Brown installed a mechanical piano near a front window of his home, where he spent hours each day pedaling out melodies. "Your father is a great piano player, isn't he?" one of the neighbors remarked to Brown's boy William one afternoon. "Yep," replied William, "but it makes his feet awful sore."

"Esquire" Not Understood.

A letter addressed to John Brown, Esquire, rested comfortably in a little town of Germany in the "E" compartment of the post department waiting to be called for by Mr. Esquire. One of the guide books warns against the use of this form of address explaining how it may be mistaken for a name.

Breaking It Gently.

"I hev come to tell yez, Mrs. Malone, that yer husband met with an accident." "An' what is it, now?" wailed Mrs. Malone. "He was overcome by the heat, mum." "Overcome by the heat, was he? An' how did it happen?" "He fell into the furnace over at the foundry, mum."—Tit-Bits.

For the Shopping Bag.

Sew a very large safety pin in your shopping bag. Then hang by means of smaller safety pins your door key, samples of cloth, memoranda and such things. They will be handy when you open the bag and save poking down and around and about the bottom of the bag for these things.

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...ks Ex-Oxford Athlete Who Wants England to Copy the Plan of Sweden.

W. Peach Thomas, an Oxford graduate and former athlete, in reviewing the Olympic games in the Daily Mail says: "One can understand American supremacy. The winners are mostly Englishmen, Scotsmen, or above all, Irishmen at one remove from the old country. One conspicuous victory was won by an ex-Swede.

"A vast population, recruited by the best red blood, as the Americans boast, from virile Europe, a population specially devoted to the narrowest form of athletics and possessed almost of a mania for competition, is likely to produce a fine team. It did produce an incomparable team. The inclusion of Indians, Hawaiians and one Anglo-Russian further added to the total of marks.

"The Swedes are a better standard of comparison. Their athletes are a delight to the eyes. They were none of them specialists, but were all gymnasts in a wide sense, as well as athletes in a wide sense. The nation has used the Olympic games as a test of the physical training in which the whole nation has been brought up. By a quiet, methodical and really national movement they have vastly increased the nation's virility. The people at large can drill, row, swim, run, throw and play.

"The question for England is whether we cannot direct our national talent for athletics so that our teams may at least have some esprit du corps, in which the defeated Olympic team was grievously deficient, and so that athletic skill with a chance of representing the nation may become a really healthy ambition among the rich and poor in town and village. Such an ideal is realized already in Sweden, Denmark and Finland, and is being discussed in France and Germany."

Kept His Old Love Letters.

Two thousand three hundred love letters written by six different girls, were found in the room of a bachelor who died recently in Melbourne, Australia, at the age of eighty-two. The letters, which were preserved in an ivory casket, were tied with jeweled silver chains in bundles of 50.

Pampered Child Handicapped.

Just as the pampered lap dog becomes fat and diseased and unable to run about and bark vigorously and fight, so does the pampered rich child become mentally deficient and finds himself unable to cope with children of his age among the lower or working classes.—Exchange.

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HAVE TO HEAR THE REPORT; LARGE ONLY IN THE CHEST

Baseball Pitchers Not Satisfied Unless They Can Note the Impact of the Ball.

Physically Small Man, With Shrewd Head, Had the Laugh on the Big Fellow.

Once upon a time there was a pitcher in a certain league who was regarded as a star. And the reason for his success was this:

He always warmed up with a certain catcher. It was this catcher's duty to receive the ball in such a manner that a loud report sounded across the field every time the ball struck the mitt. The pitcher, hearing these loud reports, would smile and feel contented and confident. He knew then that he had speed. And time the ball striking the glove did not produce a noise like a crack of a Springfield rifle the pitcher was ineffective.

This may sound like a fable, but it is far from such. There are two veteran catchers who well remember this pitcher. One of the old-timers used to catch him in practice and recalls the effect of the loud reports.

This incident is not a dead and buried part of the past. Parallel cases can be found today, and the custom is growing. And the demand for the loud noise in warming up has caused the coming of the "Fourth of July" glove.

A recruit was warming up the other day. He became wild and looked worried. The catcher tried to steady him and failed.

"What's the matter?" asked the catcher.

"They don't crack," replied the pitcher.

"Wait till I haul out the 'Fourth of July' glove."

The catcher brought out another glove. It has a thick leather covering. The minute the new glove came into use the warming up exercise produced a noise like artillery practice. The pitcher got his control, smiled in satisfaction, and showed much speed and plenty of curves.

And why shouldn't this be? Our popular magazines and newspapers are filled these days with essays on the psychology of baseball. If there is psychology in baseball, surely this comes under that head.

Being a large man—bodily, that is—Singleton generally gives us the pip. He has a nasty habit of inflating his two-yard chest and glaring pityingly on us, the smaller fry. The staff held a whist drive last week, and there was hardly anything else in it but Singleton for quite a while.

Then Mydleton came in. Mydleton's our quiet man; little chap; generally comes in late everywhere, but comes in just the same. The conversation got to brawn and muscle. It generally does where Singleton is. At last Mydleton chipped in.

"Look here, Singleton, I'll wager you an even half-quid I measure more round the waist than you do."

We all stared, and Singleton nearly choked.

"I'll take you," he grinned, "and give you five to one, if you like."

"Done!" said Mydleton.

Then, in the dressing-room Singleton ran the tape round Mydleton, and cried contemptuously:

"Thirty-four inches! As broad across the shoulders as a herring across the forehead."

Mydleton's face fell, but he picked it up again, and, placing the tape round Singleton he called loudly:

"Fifty-nine inches!" Then, to the stake-holder, "I'll take that three pounds, please."

"But how?" Singleton said.

"Well," said Mydleton, "the biggest was yours, but I measured round."

There's been an awful shrinkage in Singleton.—London Tit-Bits.

SPOONING CALLED LOST ART

Annapolis Not What It Used to Be, Naval Officer Declares, but He Is Wrong.

Let us for a moment turn from the turmoil of politics and contemplate the classic precincts of Annapolis. In that old town, famous for its state house and its crabs, is situated the institution which supplies us with our gold braided officers of the navy. At Annapolis, however, they are mere lads, not altogether in love with their studies, but fondly, fondly loving all the girls.

And yet, here comes an old curmudgeon who says that spooning at Annapolis is not what it used to be. He grimly asserts that the new and imposing granite buildings have taken the romance out of the place and that flirting is not the sweet and tender thing of long ago. Wherefore, he utters loud lamentations and sighs for the days of old.

Time has wrought changes, sure enough, but it is in the old naval officer and not in the romance corners of the Naval academy. These still afford delicious places in which to spoon, and the activities of our future admirals bear witness to the fact.

FAUST BROUGHT UP TO DATE

Enterprising Theatrical Manager Introduced Sewing Machine for Customary Spinning Wheel.

Paris musical circles are greatly amused at the following story which is published by the Intransigeant:

Some weeks ago a brilliant performance of "Faust" was given in Montreal. The interior of the theater presented an aspect of luxury and elegance, and nothing was wanting to make the interpretation worthy of the opera.

Between the first and second acts the stage manager made a little speech to the audience. "Ladies and gentlemen," he said, "by a happy innovation our distinguished manager has decided to replace the spinning wheel of Marguerite, a noisy and obsolete instrument, by a sewing machine of Messrs. ——, the running of which is so smooth that you will not lose a single note of the delightful song of the King of Thule."

Marguerite gravely took her seat before the sewing machine, on which the name of the maker was shown in luminous characters, and, when she had finished the lines, murmured enraptured: "This sewing machine is incomparable. Moreover, it costs only $60."

New Thought Rare.

A new thought is a very rare thing, and it would be a magnificent creature to catch. The only things I can think of that one would really call "new thoughts" would be certain celebrated jokes, certain scientific discoveries and a few less frequent cases of a really original argument used in an old controversy.—G. K. Chesterton.

God's Designs.

I cannot believe that the creator made man to leave him in an endless struggle with the intellectual miseries that surround us. I am ignorant of his designs, but I cannot cease to believe in them because I cannot fathom them, and I had rather mistrust my own capacity than his justice.—De Tocqueville.

Tea Known in England Since 1615.

The earliest mention of tea drinking in England occurs in a letter from Mr. Wickham from Japan, dated June 27, 1615. In 1656 the English began to drink tea in society circles, the supply being imported from Java at the cost of $30 to $50 a pound. It is quite needless to say that the common people did not drink much tea during those days.

Unappreciated Ardor.

"Darling!" he cried, passionately, throwing himself upon his knees before her and rolling up his eyes toward the chandelier, "darling, can you not see, can you not guess that I love you?" "Well," she replied, coolly, gazing at the disheveled youth on the rug, "I'd hate to think that this was just your natural way of behaving in company."

Ancient Irish "Keen."

The most interesting as well as the oldest and still most cherished customs are those that have gathered round deaths and funerals. The caoine or "keen," so often mentioned by Irish writers, is now to be met with only in the west, where the soft plaintive voices seem to lend themselves peculiarly to it.

"FAKED" THE CITY FATHERS

Hotel Man Selected Well-Dressed Guests to Form Reception Committee for President.

The Cape May correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch sends in the following reminiscence.

George W. Boyd, who occupies a handsome beach front cottage of colonial architecture in the next block to the mammoth Hotel Cape May, and Mr. Frank A. Richardson, a retired Washington newspaper correspondent who was for many years a representative of the Baltimore Sun at the National capital, were telling stories of old Cape May in the lobby of the New Hotel Cape May the other night.

They recalled an incident of the reception at old Congress hall, destroyed by fire in 1878, of President Grant on his first visit to Cape May. The proprietors of the hotel were J. Frank Cake, long a hotel man of Washington, and Waters B. Miller, a native of Cape May, and at the time the mayor of the resort. Miller was a man of original ideas and he decided that if the common councilmen of Cape May were to receive the president, they would have to abandon their boots with their pantaloons tucked inside of them, their blue shirts for boiled shirts, and old caps for high hats. Miller, knowing the opposition which would be put up by the local city fathers, picked out among his patrons at the Congress hotel nine best dressed men to pass them off as the city council of Cape May, and they received President Grant on his first visit to Cape May in 1876. While Grant congratulated them upon their fine appearance, it was believed that he saw the joke, but never gave the least intimation that he was being deceived as to the resort's government.

Clock Novelties.

At last somebody has brought out an alarm clock which is not blatantly offensive. Instead of being a matter of fact looking, "get right up and go to work" affair in nickel with a bold, round face, it is a really modest timepiece of square shape framing a square dial and it comes in silver plate or gun metal. It looks pretty on a dressing table and it doesn't frankly announce itself the property of a working person.

Ideal for the sickroom because it hasn't any alarm whatever and has an absolutely silent movement, is a so-called desk clock of less than three inches high and of oblong shape. Its white porcelain face, marked with blue enamel and gold, is protected by a beveled crystal, and its workings are encased in highly polished nickel. An altogether charming little affair.

New Lodge.

"When I was with Primrose & Dockstader's Minstrels," said Tom Lewis, standing in front of the Hotel Astor, "we struck Petersburg, Va. The town was small and, while parading, we soon found ourselves out at the city limits. Nobody was in sight but one lanky white man. We all wore linen dusters and we seemed to interest this man greatly. Stepping up to me he said:

"'What society is this?'

"'Sons of Poor Parents,' I replied.

"'Never heered of it,' he said, 'but I'd like to jine.'

"And he followed us clear to the opera house," concluded Mr. Lewis.—New York Telegraph.

He Had Experience.

They were not an exclusive congregation, nevertheless they showed signs of rebellion over the appointment of the new usher. "He is an excellent young man, no doubt," they said, "but he hasn't belonged to the church very long, and, besides, it doesn't seem likely that a young man who was a street car conductor until six months ago can be up on church etiquette."

But that was the very point that the trustees urged in vindication of their judgment. "We voted him in because he had been a conductor," they said. "We need a man of that kind to deal with the end-seat hog. He is a greater nuisance in the church than in the cars. Early in the service he plants himself at the aisle end of a free pew and later comers who are ushered into that pew fall all over him in taking their places. It takes a man with grit to make him move along. This former conductor has the grit and he has tact gained from experience. That is why we made him usher."

Prince of the Poets.

The French poet, Leon Dierx, was found lying dead upon his bed by his landlady. The day before he accompanied Messrs. Henri de Regnier, Victor Marguerite, and other men of letters to the house where the poet Stephane Mallarme used to live, and read a poem which he had written in honor of the anniversary. He left the cafe at 11, and as he passed the concierge said: "Ah well! I would be going to rest—if only I need not wake again!"

The good woman scolded him for saying such things, and soon after his brother called and stayed with him till two in the morning. Next day he was discovered lifeless in his room, his last wish being thus fulfilled. Leon Dierx was 74 years old. In 1901, after the death of Mallarme, the young poets elected him their "Prince," though he was not a candidate for that honor.—London Evening Standard.

Trouser Crease That Stays.

The permanent crease in trousers, as made by many of our city tailors, is somewhat favored just now. This idea is probably well known, but as it may not be familiar to all I give a description of it here.

The trousers are first pressed dead flat, and then the extreme edge of the crease is stitched down, so that it is impossible for them ever to be without a perfectly straight line down the front. It is claimed that this prevents to a great extent the objectionable creasing at the knees that is so often experienced.—London Correspondence of Men's Wear.

SOCIETY AND PERSONAL

Thomas McDermott, Jr. of Crest avenue visited in Pittsburg Wednesday.

Mrs. D. E. Sloan of Crest avenue visited at Shadyside Thursday.

E. F. Krahmer was in Pittsburg Wednesday to attend the "Billy" Sunday meetings.

F. B. Burwell spent Thursday in Pittsburg.

C. Brown, Jr. has gone to Youngstown, Ohio, on a business trip.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Grimm of Fourth street a daughter.

Mrs. A. G. Taylor left today for Detroit, Michigan.

Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Shey left Wednesday for Cleveland, to attend a reception that evening given by the congregation of the church to which Mr. Shey has been called as rector.

Attorney David M. McCloskey, who has been appointed receiver for the Marianna bank, was in Harrisburg this week consulting with Banking Commissioner Smith.

LICENSE SAID TO BE LOST TO ONE AUTOIST

Charged with running an automobile when under the influence of liquor William McPeck of Charleroi will lose his automobile license. He appeared for a hearing before Justice of the Peace Joseph Wheeler Wednesday night, the information having been made by Chief of Police C. W. Albright. A plea of guilt was entered and the fine which ordinarily would have been $100 was rescinded with the understanding that Mr. McPeck was not to retain his auto license.

Deed Recorded.

Elizabeth Vabrel Papis, Charleroi, to Minnie B. Richardson of Charleroi, lot in Charleroi on Luella avenue, 10x85 feet; consideration $1. Minnie B. Richardson to Andy Papis, the same lot; consideration $1.

Vaudeville at the Palace tonight. 11

COURT OVERRULES EXCEPTIONS TO REPORT IN HILT ESTATE

In the estate of Catherine Hilt, deceased, exceptions to the auditor's report, Judge J. A. McIlvaine handed down an opinion Wednesday overruling these exceptions. The auditors report is approved with this modification, that the money awarded to Conrad Hilt, to wit, $782.36, should be applied by him to the payment of the mortgage debt which he and Catherine Hilt, the decedent owed the Charleroi Savings and Trust Co. on mortgage.

Bank Meetings.

The first bank meeting for election of directors is being held today, the stockholders of the Bank of Charleroi being assembled. The stockholders of the First National Bank and the Charleroi Savings and Trust company will meet on January 13.

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CLERK'S NOTICE.

Following is a list of applications for Retail Liquor License filed in this office.

Supplemental petitions and Remonstrances may be filed in this office before 5 o'clock, P. M., of Monday, January 26th, 1914.

License Court will convene in Court Room No. 1, Monday, February 2nd, 1914, at one o'clock P. M. Hon. J. A. McIlvaine, P. J., presiding.

Name of Applicant.	Location.
Samuel Thompson.	Roscoe.
William Phenniecie,	Donora
John E. Turner	Stockdale
Emma Theakston	West Brownsville
H. H. Clayson, Sr.	Monongahela, 3 wd.
Arthur W. Day,	Charleroi
Wm. H. Coles	Charleroi
George F. Rylands	Charleroi
George M. Fellows	Charleroi
William R. Gaut	Charleroi
John T. Starr	West Brownsville
William H. Zellers	Charleroi
George L. West	Charleroi
William Coulson	Roscoe
Addison S. Abbott et al	New Eagle
Thomas D. Noble	New Eagle
Edgar D. Morse	Donora
Albert H. Furlong	Roscoe
Mathias J. Engel, Jr	West Brownsville
Conrad Aul	West Brownsville
Deighton Calverley	Ellsworth
William Renner	Cokeburg
Elizabeth M. Hayden	Finleyville
Miles Davidson & Carrie Klein	Marianna
James M. Purcell	Donora.
John J. Zwick	Finleyville
Frank A. Coatsworth	Donora
Frank J. Zwick	Fredericktown
Thomas Madigan	Millsboro
O. M. Reed	Roscoe
Peter Trenhauser	Finleyville
Thomas Parry	Union twp.
Alfred L. Dievart	Monongahela 1st wd
Jacob Will	McDonald
Otto P. Glasser	Monongahela 2nd wd
Louis Lazzari	Monongahela 2nd wd
Theodore J. Eckbreth	Monongahela 2nd wd.
A. M. Gregg and W. W. Reed	Donora
F. A. Thomassy	McDonald
Louis Voyt	McDonald
B. Frankle	McDonald
Frank H. Meyer	Donora
William E. Bruce	Stockdale
W. S. Lockhart, Clerk	of Quarter Sessions 1-5-15-22

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FOR SALE—A large wall case, suitable for any business. Call 308 Mail office. 145-tf

FOR RENT—Furnished room. Inquire 708 McKean avenue. 147t6

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Inquire 272 Mail office. 1 50-t1p

FOR RENT—Furnished front bed room. Inquire 311 Mail office. 150-t2p

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